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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: THEBAINE AVAILABILITY FOR POTENTIAL
IMPORT INTO THE US

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1. ACCORDING TO TRADE DIRECTORIES AND PHARMACEUTICAL
INDUSTRY CONTACTS, FRENCH PRODUCTION OF MORPHINE LIM-
TED TO ONE COMPANY: FRANCOPIA, 21 RUE CLAUDE BERNARD,
75005 PARIS. FRANCOPIA DENIES BEING ONLY FRENCH SOURCE
OF THEBAINE, BUT ACKNOWLEDGES IT IS SOLE FRENCH PRODUCER
AND EXPORTER OF MORPHINE.

2. FRANCOPIA SAID IT IS NOT ABLE TO EXPORT TO US AT
PRESENT TIME, BUT "MIGHT BE TOMORROW." ACCORDING TO
FRANCOPIA, THERE ARE NO FRENCH NARCOTICS RESTRICTIONS ON
EXPORT OF THEBAINE, BUT FRANCOPIA DOES NOT EXPORT TO
US BECAUSE OF US RESTRICTIONS.

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3. FRANCOPIA OTHERWISE TIGHT-LIPPED AND EXTREMELY RELUC-
TANT TO SPEAK ON SUBJECT OF THEBAINE PRODUCTION. FRAN-
COPIA SAID IT DEALS WITH AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL MANU-
FACTURERS ON REGULAR BASIS FOR RELATED PRODUCTS
(SOMNIFERES) AND WAS SURPRISED BY POST INQUIRY IN THEIR
BEHALF. OUR QUESTION CONCERNING POSSIBLE CODEINE-
THEBAINE EXCHANGE CAUSED EVEN MORE CONSTERNATION SINCE

US IS IMPORTER OF CODEINE, ACCORDING TO FRANCOPIA. NOT
WISHING TO DIVULGE REAL SOURCE OF OUR INQUIRY, POST
DECLINED TO PURSUE FURTHER QUESTIONS.

4. FRENCH TRADE STATISTICS INDICATE THE FOLLOWING
FRENCH IMPORTS/EXPORTS FOR "THEBAINE AND THEBAINE SALTS"
(BTN 29 42 11 O):

IMPORTS FROM	EXPORTS TO
1975	
WEST GERMANY 2,000 KG	MALAGASY REP 1,250 KG
GREAT BRITAIN 1,000 KG	

3,000 KG TOTAL	1,250 KG
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1976

NETHERLANDS 5,000 KG	MOROCCO 2,200 KG
WEST GERMANY 2,700 KG	
GREAT BRITAIN 1,500 KG	
UNITED STATES 5,000 KG	

14,200 KG TOTAL	2,200 KG
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